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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. **(amended)** A method for achieving an improved distribution and delivery of a desired molecule from an initial body location into a target tissue comprising the steps of:

inserting at least one elongated member into a body generally adjacent a target tissue, each elongated member having at least two discrete electrodes disposed in axially separated relation along the elongated member, each electrode being in circuit